

A Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on September 11, 2007 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Town Hall. The following members were present.

Al DeNapoli, Chairman
Chris Timson, Vice Chairman
Michael Caron, Clerk
Catherine Winston
David Sullivan

Also present:

Michael Boynton, Town Administrator
James Johnson, Asst. Town Administrator

9-1 Ann Marie Bielenin, Cultural Council

Ms. Bielenin appeared before the Board seeking a seat on the Cultural council. She expressed her enjoyment of the arts and is interested in serving on the Council. She informed the Board that she read the mission statement and felt it was worthwhile. She has attended many of the events from the Council.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to appoint Ann Bielenin to the Walpole Cultural Council as a Regular member, seconded by Ms. Winston, VOTED 5-0-0

9-2 Jon Rockwood, Affordable Housing

Mr. Rockwood reported that the last time he was before the Board of Selectmen he discussed the renaming of the Housing Committee to the Housing Partnership. At that time, the Board required further information. It is his suggestion that the Housing partnership will take on a lot of the same duties.

Mr. Timson was impressed with the memo but had some questions with regards to how it is set up. Mr. Rockwood explained this is a proposal to formalize this partnership. They would like to identify some entity in town who sees a developer first and gets the first look at the proposal, then there would be a more formal review of the development. The committee would meet with someone and give them comments. We would inform them what the neighborhood objections could be. The Housing Partnership Committee would create and submit a more formalized review with our assessment on town resources. Whenever there is a proponent for a 40B someone should be identified for them to meet with first.

Mr. Timson would like to have some professionals available to the partnership. Mr. Rockwood sees a commitment from the Town Planner to take a more active role in this Committee. Mr. DeNapoli would like to hear from Mr. Johnson on this document before adopting.

Mr. Timson discussed the density target for developments, and thinks we have to look at density bonuses and how to attract developers to include some affordable housing within their development. Look at surrounding towns I do not see any affordable housing being created because of the inclusionary zoning.

Mr. DeNapoli would like to see the production plan and this committee happen simultaneously.

Mr. Caron asks that the lines of authority and flow of information be through the Board of Selectmen as this Committee would be appointed by the Board and yet the interactions are heavy with the planner.

Mr. Boynton spoke to the Board of Selectmen needing to be in a position to set policy. He envisions the Housing Partnership role similar to that of the Conservation Commission. One of the questions will be does this from a design or density standpoint meet our needs? If it is a 40B it goes to the ZBA and 40R to the Planning Board. A small 40B can meet with the same resistant as a large one. When we are dealing with a clock situation, I think there needs to be a group that fills an advocacy role for Affordable Housing. Mr. Rockwood will work

OPEN FORUM

No one present

9-3 Gift Acceptance, Tree gift Account

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to accept the gift from Lewis and Doris Davison, seconded by Ms. Winston, VOTED 5-0-0

9-4 Sandwich Board ,Norwood Cooperative Nursery (NCNS)

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the placement of the Board on the common for the NCNS , two weeks prior to their event, seconded by Ms. Winston, VOTED 5-0-0

9-5 Knights of Columbus, Annual Fund raising

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the request of the Knights of Columbus to conduct their fundraiser, seconded by Ms. Winston, VOTED 5-0-0

9-6 Boyden School, Fun Run Event

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the request for the Boyden school for a police detail during their annual Fun Run event, seconded by Ms. Winston, VOTED 5-0-0

9-7 No Loitering Signs at Blackburn

Mr. Boynton explained that it is unfortunate but there seems to be a group sometimes small and are loitering around Blackburn Hall. There are not a lot of places for young people to go; however, this group that has been out there has been challenging. Some of them have used inappropriate language, urination on Blackburn hall and smoking and this issue has become problematic. The suggestion is that we post no loitering signs, or we can wait to see if the kids going back to school helps alleviate the problem. It is a place of business, it is not just a hang out. I do want to find a way to stop this inappropriate behavior. The Police Department is doing what they can to resolve this.

Mr. DeNapoli felt that the no loitering signs serve somewhat of a purpose, for the age of some of the kids that go to Blackburn Hall for recreation. Those hanging out may not be setting a good example. The problem is they have nothing to do. If it is becoming a problem, I do not know what else we can do. I would like to see us be more creative.

Mr. Sullivan felt that signs are great, but not in that area. Mr. Boynton suggested holding off on the signs. School has started again, hopefully this will curtail. It is not a wide spread issue. It is a group of kids that need to have better respect for town property.

9-8 Revised Adoption Agreement for Section 125 Cafeteria Plan

Mr. Boynton explained that when we did this originally we did not clean up the document. In reviewing it, we cleaned it up. The West Suburban Health Group has hired the Segal co. that helped all the towns. They recommended some minor changes which are a housekeeping matter. The Board needs to adopt this amendment.

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MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the revised adoption agreement for sec 125 cafeteria plan and to authorize the Chairman to sign, seconded by Mr. Caron, VOTED 5-0-0

9-9, 9-12 **Fall Town meeting warrant**

There are only 10 articles. Mr. Boynton reviewed the articles. Not recommending any additional positions. Under article #4 it is similar to the typical Stabilization fund. It will be clear why this was created and what it will be used for.

Mr. DeNapoli questioned if it would have the same impact as the general stabilization fund? Mr. Boynton noted that in this creation and the principal maintained, undesignated fund balance. It is looked upon as appositive thing.

Article 5 is Medicaid

Articles 6 & 7 are capital, 2008 chapter 90 allocation. The Deacon Willis house needs some improvements, smoke detectors in schools. Free cash certified at 4.7 million dollars. I do not envision this happening every year as it is not a guarantee source. The fire department will be looking for a new piece of equipment in the spring.

Article 8, Transcanada did not submit the bill until the next fiscal year.

Article 9 would allow town meeting to support the Housing production plan.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to sign the FTM warrant, seconded by Ms. Winston, VOTED 5-0-0

Town Administrators Update

Stone consulting is doing the review of non union personal. The goal is to have it done so recommended changes may be part of the FY09 process. This is benchmarking and in house to see how positions are stacking up.

Little League Parade-thanked everyone for their participation for all their help. It was a great day.

Thank You to Kevin Sullivan to the work he did on the sidewalks in the common. A big thank you for making that happen. He did all the labor. Thank you to Gilmores for the donation of the Ree Bar up there.

Conservation Commission will be having a hearing on October 27th, delineation for 33 industrial road. This is the power plant.

MINUTES

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the July 31, 2007 minutes, seconded by Mr. Caron, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the July 31 Executive Session minutes seconded by Mr. Caron, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the August 14 minutes, seconded by Mr. Caron, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the August 14 Executive session minutes, seconded by Mr. Caron, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the August 28 minutes, seconded by Mr. Caron VOTED 5-0-0

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Timson would like the Board to schedule a goal setting session some time after Town meeting. .

Mr. Timson had received an email today about the town web site, wanting it more up to date.

Mr. Boynton has gone through the web site and some things need to be updated.

Ms. Winston discussed that the Town of Ashland has ½ before their Selectmen's meeting once a month, a selectmen sits in a room and if you are shy about being on TV you can go in and meet with a member. Mr. DeNapoli suggested that she contact Ashland to find out how long they have been doing this.

Motion by Mr. Timson to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and negotiations, seconded by Mr. Caron by roll call vote Mr. Caron-Aye, Mr. Timson-Aye, Mr. Sullivan-Aye, Ms. Winston-Aye and Mr. Sullivan-Aye

The Board moved back into regular session. Mr. Sullivan had left the meeting during Executive Session and did not return.

Memorandum of Agreement, Fairfield

Mr. Caron would like to wait until Mr. Sullivan has returned.

The Board members would like to see a change to paragraph #4. Add the words identified herein and any replenishment be inserted after the word invoices.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the MOA with the changes as discussed in Paragraph #4, after the word invoice, identified herein and any replenishment hereto

Mr. Caron is going to vote against this, it seems to be out of order. It should be after negotiations.

VOTED 3-1-0 (Mr. Caron opposed)

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to authorize the Chairman to sign as amended, seconded by Ms. Winston VOTED 3-1-0 (Mr. Caron opposed)

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to adjourn at 10:00 p.m., seconded by Ms. Winston, VOTED 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Michael F. Caron, Clerk